

MYSTERY & MAJESTY

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Bring Them to Jesus

All verses use the English Standard Version unless indicated otherwise

Matthew 14:34-35 And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick,

- They made it through the storm.
- The people recognize Jesus.
- Jesus lived in Capernaum at this time.
- There has been no mention thus far of Jesus ministering in Gennesaret.
- It was a part of an active region of towns built on the shoreline around the Sea of Galilee. (*see map of the area on the last page*)

- They were aiming for Bethsaida but ended up in Gennesaret.
- They have heard the testimonies of the incredible signs and wonders in the region.
- They send messages through the region to tell where Jesus is now.
- Mark 6 & John 6 give us more details
- Don't over complicate the call on your life.
- It is simply to encounter Jesus and then go and tell others about him.
- People bring him their sick.
- Gennesaret was famous for fertile land
- Mark says people who couldn't get out of bed were brought to him on their beds wherever they heard he was.
- People were laying the sick in the middle of marketplaces asking Jesus to heal them.
- People reached Jesus because someone brought them.
- You can't heal but you can bring people to the feet of the one who can.

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- Pleading is not convincing Jesus to care.
- It is the honest posture of someone who knows, 'I cannot do this without You.'
- Jesus allows them to touch him in their suffering.
- He allows their suffering to reach him.
- Matthew 9 the woman with the issue of blood.
- Her testimony has likely spread and people are doing the same thing.
- Someone needs your testimony.
- Your testimony is not about you but what God has done for you.
- It helps others believe.
- It encourages you to remember all that God has done.
- This is not about sacred objects.
- The is about Christ's power.

Malachi 4:2 But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

- Sun of righteousness – great visitation by God that will bring judgment on evildoers and blessings for the righteous.
- Wings – rays of the sun.
- Hebrew word *kanaph* – fringe or edge of the garments.
- Jesus as a rabbi would wear fringe tassels on his robes.

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- Contrast with the end of chapter 13 where they rejected Jesus in Nazareth
- But here, all who come are healed.
- Healing language overlaps with salvation language showing that Jesus' healing ministry is tied to his saving mission.



Map of Ancient Harbors of the Sea of Galilee in Jesus' day